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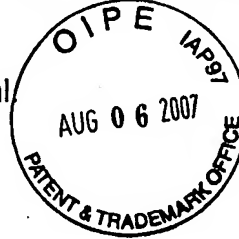
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Attached are copies of eight Japanese patent documents, which were first cited on July 3, 2007, in the attached foreign office action, issued in connection with the corresponding Japanese patent application No. 2003-110674. Also attached are English-language abstracts and/or computer translations of respective ones of the documents from which any relevance of the documents can be gleaned. The documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Also listed on the form PTO-1449 are two U.S. patent application publications Nos. US 2002/0148672 A1 and US 2007/0066431 A1, which are the U.S. counterparts of the Japanese patent documents Nos. 2003-2219 and 2004-308702, respectively, and from which U.S. patent application publications any relevance of the Japanese patent documents can be gleaned.

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<b>U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>							
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	AA	US-2002/0148672 A1	10/17/2002	Tatewaki et al.			
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<b>FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>							
		Document Number	Date	Country	Class	Sub-Class	Translation
	AC	62-255274	11/07/1987	JAPAN			Abstract
	AD	9-119482	05/06/1997	JAPAN			Abstract and Computer translation
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